

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A method for tracking event data associated with a medical device adapted for the administration of a drug to a patient, said method comprising:

generating a unique tracking code for a single medical device loaded with a drug, wherein said unique tracking code uniquely identifies ~~is unique as to~~ said single medical device loaded with a drug such that said unique tracking code is different from each tracking code assigned to other medical devices loaded with said drug,

receiving event data associated with said single medical device loaded with a drug, the received event data including information associated with an action performed relating to the single medical device loaded with a drug, the action including at least one of preparing the single medical device loaded with a drug, administering the single medical device loaded with a drug to a patient, and disposing of the single medical device loaded with a drug,

storing the event data on a storage device with the unique tracking code for the single medical device loaded with a drug to form at least one record uniquely tied to the single medical device loaded with a drug, wherein the at least one record is different from each record created for the other medical devices loaded with said drug,

receiving a request for information regarding the single medical device loaded with a drug, the request including said unique tracking code,

retrieving stored event data from the at least one record including said unique tracking code stored on said storage device, and

outputting the stored event data in response to the request.

17-18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, further comprising outputting said tracking code to at least one printer for printing said tracking code as a bar code.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, further including scanning said bar code for identifying said drug associated with said bar code prior to administration of said drug to a patient.
21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, further including affixing said single medical device loaded with a drug to a cradle.
22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, further including adhering a label containing said tracking code to at least one of said cradle and said single medical device loaded with a drug.
23. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein said cradle comprises a syringe label cradle.
24. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein said cradle comprises a port label cradle.
25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein said medical device comprises a syringe.
26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein said medical device comprises an IV port.
27. (Currently Amended) A method for tracking data associated with a medical device adapted for the administration of a drug to a patient, said method comprising:

preparing a single source of a drug to be administered to a patient, wherein said single source of a drug includes an individual drug and an individual medical device,

affixing said single source in a cradle,

providing a label having a bar code corresponding to a unique tracking code affixed to at least one of said source and said cradle, wherein said unique tracking code uniquely identifies is unique as to said single source such that said unique tracking code is different from each tracking code assigned to other single sources of said drug,

identifying data associated with a first quantity of said drug in said single source and said patient,

storing said data in association with said unique tracking code on a storage device,
administering a second quantity of said drug to said patient from said single source,
disposing of said single source after administration of said drug to said patient;
updating said first quantity of said drug stored in the storage device with the unique tracking code based on the second quantity of said drug, and
retrieving said data from said storage device using said unique tracking code,
wherein said data, retrieved by the tracking code from the storage device, tracks said source from preparation of said source containing said drug to disposing of said source, wherein said unique tracking code conveys no information other than the identity of the tracking code.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein said medical device comprises a syringe.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein said medical device comprises an IV port.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein said tracking code identifies a single source associated with a single patient.

31-36. (Canceled)

37. (Currently Amended) A method for tracking data associated with a medical device adapted for the administration of a drug to a patient, said method comprising:

preparing a single source of a drug to be administered to a patient, wherein said single source of a drug includes a drug and an individual syringe,

associating a unique tracking code with said single source, wherein the unique tracking code uniquely identifies the single source such that the unique tracking code is different from each tracking code assigned to other single sources loaded with the drug,

providing first data associated with said tracking code relating to said drug in said single source to be administered,

providing second data representing an amount of said drug in said single source administered to said patient from said single source associated with said tracking code,

providing third data associated with disposing of said single source,

storing said first, second, and third data in association with said tracking code on a storage device,

retrieving said first, second, and third data from said storage device using said tracking code,

whereby said first, second, and third data associated with said tracking code and retrieved by the tracking code from the storage device, tracks the preparing of said source, the administration of said drug in said source to a patient, and said disposal of said source.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein said unique tracking code is stored in said storage device in associated with the identification of a patient to be administered said drug.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein said unique tracking code is stored in said storage device in associated with the identification of a patient to be administered said drug.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, wherein said unique tracking code is stored in said storage device in associated with the identification of a patient to be administered said drug.

41-42. (Canceled)

43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, wherein said unique tracking code conveys no information other than the identity of the tracking code.

44. (Currently Amended) A method for tracking data associated with a medical device adapted for the administration of a drug to a patient, said method comprising:

providing a single source of a drug to be administered to a patient, wherein said single source of a drug includes a drug and an individual syringe,

associating a unique tracking code with said single source, wherein said unique tracking code uniquely identifies ~~is unique as to~~ said single source such that the unique tracking code is different from each tracking code assigned to other single sources of said drug,

providing data associated with said single source from providing of said single source to disposal of said single source,

storing said data in association with said tracking code on a storage device, whereby the stored data may be altered while still being associated with the same unique tracking code, and

retrieving the stored data from said storage device using said tracking code,

wherein the stored data retrieved by the tracking code from the storage device, tracks the single source from the providing of said source to the disposal of said source.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 44, wherein said unique tracking code is provided on a bar code and the bar code is affixed to the single source.

46. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 45, wherein said single source includes other markings other than said bar code containing said unique tracking code.

47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46, wherein said other markings comprises written text, type written text, patient information, drug information, or other bar codes.

48. (Currently Amended) A method for tracking data associated with a medical device adapted for the administration of a drug to a patient, said method comprising:

preparation of a single source of a drug to be administered to a patient, wherein said single source of a drug includes a drug and an individual syringe,

affixing said single source in a cradle,

providing a label having a bar code corresponding to a unique tracking code, wherein said label is affixed to at least one of said source and said cradle, and wherein said unique tracking code uniquely identifies ~~is unique as to~~ said single source such that the unique tracking code is different from each tracking code assigned to other single sources of said drug,

identifying data associated with said drug in said single source and said patient,
storing said data in associated with said unique tracking code on a storage device,
administering a quantity of said drug contained in said source to a patient,
disposing of said single source after administration of said drug to a patient,
updating said data in association with the unique tracking code on said storage device,
and

retrieving said data from said storage device using said unique tracking code,

wherein said data, retrieved by the tracking code from the storage device, tracks said source from preparation of said source containing said drug to disposing of said source, wherein said unique tracking code conveys no information other than the identity of the tracking code.

49. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 48, wherein said single source includes other markings than said unique tracking code.

50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 49, wherein said other markings comprises written text, type written text, patient information, drug information, or other bar codes.